March 23, 1954

The Board of Directors of the Urban League of Essex County met on the evening of the above date with some 35 members and friends present and Mr Pfaus presiding.

After a delicious supper prepared and served by members of a Neighborhood Group, the business ~~meeting~~ session was opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of 3,042.04 as of Feb.

After a special conference with representatives of the Welfare Federation, the League committee reported that $24000.00 had been allocated the League, this being at a cut of $209.02.

After ~~being~~ brief discussion as to the reasons for such a cut, motion was made by Mr Lett, seconded by Mr. Stern and carried that these reasons be scheduled as part of the agenda for the next business meeting.

Mr. Pfaus reporting for the committee selected for interviewing and screening candidates for an Executive Secy for the League, stated that 7 or 8 candidates had been considered and that the committee was recommending James A. Pauley, Industrial Relations Secy of the Kansas City Urban League as successor to Mr. Robinson.

On motion by Mr Stern, the report recommendation of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Manning announced May 3 as the beginning of Vocational Guidance Week. He also stated that he hoped to enlarge the sphere of employment

Mrs. Harrison reported that Emergenc[illegible] Home Service is being continued. The [illegible] Home makers Forum scheduled for [illegible]est Fall will be held for three days and [illegible] in cooperation with the Afro-American.

Twenty home visits have been made [illegible] in connection with the Xmas Fund.

Although a Bazaar and Talent S[illegible]on are part of the Department's regular [illegible] program Mrs. Harrison stated that these could [illegible] be put aside in order to help with a me[illegible]mbership Drive.

At present this department is aw[illegible]iting a call from Civil Defense; the League [illegible] building could be used for a canteen, feed[illegible]ng 100 persons per hour.

Sgt Dixon who has been recruiting [illegible] for the Air Force with the League buildin[illegible]g was presented.

Mr. Robinson [illegible] who first [illegible] came here as Industrial Relations Sec'y and [illegible]hen returned as Executive in Dec 1945 re[illegible]viewed his work with the League, mention[illegible]ng the expansion of employment oppo[illegible]rtunities. Fifty pilot places can be named and [illegible] over 2,000 placements recorded. Mr. Ro[illegible]inson also spoke on the progress in hou[illegible]sing and the necessity for continued efforts in [illegible] this field.

Since this meeting was in the nature of [illegible] a farewell to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stern prese[illegible]ted a silver coffee service with an attracti[illegible]e inscribed tray. The Guild presented Mrs. Robin[illegible]on a leather handbag.

The meeting was then adjourned + se[illegible] followed by a brief social period.